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MOSCOW FOR SECRETARY'S PARTY

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: OVIP (VANCE, CYRUS R.) PFOR FR US  
SUBJECT: TOPICS OF INTEREST TO GISCARD FOR MEETING  
WITH SECRETARY

SUMMARY: ELYSEE SECRETARY GENERAL FRANCOIS-PONCET  
OUTLINED LIST OF TOPICS LIKELY TO BE RAISED WITH THE  
SECRETARY BY PRESIDENT GISCARD IN THEIR SATURDAY,  
APRIL 2, MEETING. END SUMMARY

1. DURING CALL BY CHARGE, FRANCOIS-PONCET REVIEWED  
TOPICS WHICH HE THOUGHT PRESIDENT GISCARD WOULD BE  
LIKELY TO RAISE WITH THE SECRETARY AT THEIR MEETING  
SATURDAY, APRIL 2, AT 10:00 A.M. FIRST TOPIC WAS  
UPCOMING LONDON SUMMIT, ITS AGENDA AND THE ORDER IN  
WHICH SUBJECTS SHOULD BE DISCUSSED, POLITICAL TOPICS  
WHICH PRESIDENT CARTER WISHED TO RAISE, AND HOW THEY  
WOULD BE TREATED AND WOULD FIT IN TO OVERALL PATTERN  
AND ECONOMIC PURPOSE OF THE SUMMIT.

2. FRANCOIS-PONCET WAS CONFIDENT GISCARD WOULD ALSO  
WISH TO DISCUSS NON-PROLIFERATION AND WOULD BE EAGER  
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TO HEAR ABOUT MOSCOW MEETINGS AND RESULTS. GISCARD  
WAS CERTAIN TO RAISE CONCORDE LANDING RIGHTS QUESTION  
AND WOULD WISH ALSO TO DISCUSS AFRICA AND PARTICULARLY  
IN THE CONTEXT OF EAST-WEST RELATIONS. (CHARGE  
REMINDED FRANCOIS-PONCET THAT UNDERSECRETARY HABIB  
WOULD ALSO BE DISCUSSING ZAIRE WITH ELYSEE ADVISER  
JOURNIAC.)

3. FRANCOIS-PONCET NOTED RECENT JOURNALISTIC COMMENTS ON EARLY FEBRUARY MEETING BETWEEN TWO EMBASSY OFFICERS AND FRENCH COMMUNIST PARTY FOREIGN AFFAIRS EXPERT KANAPA AND SPECULATED THAT GISCARD MIGHT WELL WISH TO KNOW CURRENT THINKING OF USG ON THE PROBLEM OF EUROCOMMUNIST PARTIES AND THEIR PROXIMITY TO GOVERNMENT PARTICIPATION. CHARGE NOTED THAT JOURNALISTS HAD GOT THEIR ACCOUNTS OF THIS MEETING REVERSED; IT REPRESENTED NO CHANGE IN EMBASSY POLICY OF OCCASIONAL LOW-LEVEL MEETINGS WITH AVAILABLE FRENCH COMMUNIST LEADERS BUT WAS RATHER A POLICY CHANGE FOR PCF. KANAPA HAD NOT PREVIOUSLY BEEN WILLING TO RECEIVE AMERICAN EMBASSY PERSONNEL. COMMENT: GISCARD WILL WELCOME ANYTHING SECRETARY CAN TELL HIM REGARDING USG REVIEW OF EUROCOMMUNIST ISSUE AND FUTURE US POLICY RE ITALY, FRANCE AND THE IBERIAN PENINSULA.

4. FRANCOIS-PONCET ALSO DELICATELY INQUIRED IF THERE WERE DEVELOPMENTS IN NAMING OF NEW US AMBASSADOR TO FRANCE AND INDICATED THAT GISCARD WOULD OF COURSE BE INTERESTED IN ANYTHING SECRETARY MIGHT BE ABLE TO SAY. GAMMON

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